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1. DURING COURSE OF JULY 18 CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT FONOFF, EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERICAL COUNSELOR TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE GULF SETTLEMENT ISSUE. UNDER SECRETARY (AMBASSADOR JUAN DE LA PIEDRA) HAD INQUIRED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR CCC OR EVEN PL 480 TITLE I CREDITS DURING FY 1978, AND E/C COUN MADE POINT THAT BEFORE THESE QUESTIONS COULD EVEN BE CONSIDERED LONG-DELAYED COMPENSATION TO GULF WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID. E/C COUN STRESSED THAT CCC RECITS WOULD ALSO DEPEND ON OTHER, UNRELATED FACTORS SUCH AS AVAILABILITY OF COMMODITIE S,

AND THAT PROSPECTS FOR PL 480 TITLE I WERE EVEN MORE UNCERTAIN. THE MAIN POINT TO BE MADE IN THIS REGARD IS THAT GULF SETTLEMENT IS CONDITION PRECEDENT TO SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF SUCH PROGRAMS.

2. AMB. DE LA PIEDRA CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THE SAME MESSAGE (VIA SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE AMB. EGO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGUIRRE) FROM PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. CARLOS CARCIA BEDOYA. AMB. DE LA PIEDRA WENT ON TO ASSURE E/C COUN THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE WAS PLANNING TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN BRINGING DRAFT DECREE LAW BEFORE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY FOR APPROVAL. AMB. DE LA PIEDRA INDICATED THAT DRAFT DECREE HAD BEEN HELD UP FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IN COMITE DE ASESORAMIENTO DE LA

PRESIDENCIA DE LA REPUBLICA (COAP) DUE TO PRESS OF OTHER BUSINESS, BUT THAT IT SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF EMERGENCY LEGISLATION TO DEAL WITH CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS, WHICH WILL REQUIRE FULL ATTENTION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AT JULY 19 AND 26 CABINET MEETING. THUS, AMB. DE LA PIEDRA SUGGESTED, GULF ISSUE COULD BE RESOLVED AS EARLY AS AUGUST 2. SHALUDEMAN

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